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Ravalli County Commissioners

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Re: Opinion letter to Commissioners of 12/05/08 re Stream Setback Committee / Your request for further action in your letter of 12/08/08.

Dear Mr. Daniel,

I am sending a copy of your letter to the County Commissioners since by statute my duty is to advise them on the duties of their office. I did so in an Opinion to them on the above subject dated December 5, 2008. This concerned the actions of the Streamside Setback Committee (SSC). In your letter you are requesting further investigation but this is necessarily a decision that must come from the Commissioners.

Although the Commissioners may decide differently, the matter seems to me to be moot since the SSC is either dissolved or soon will be and no action was taken on its recommendations. Accordingly, given the amount of time involved in producing the Opinion, which required searching numerous emails, discussions with planning staff and legal research, it does not seem productive to spend any more time looking into the matter.

Be that as it may, I will certainly provide the Commissioners with further advice on this matter if they wish.

Sincerely,



George Corn

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cc: Ravalli County Commissioners  
Steve Bullock, Attorney General

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